

## RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

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Wyoming Board of Agriculture Minutes  
February 11, 2004  
Wyoming Department of Agriculture Conference Room  
Cheyenne, WY

Members Present:

Arlene Brown, President  
Alan Todd, Vice President  
Reed Gardner  
Spencer Ellis  
Helen Jones  
Lee Otto  
Meghan Lally  
John Etchepare, Director, WY Dept. of Agriculture  
Frank Galey, Dean, UW College of Agriculture  
Ryan Lance, Governor Freudenthal's Office

WDA Staff Present:

Jim Schwartz, Deputy Director  
Muff Parker, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Brown at 9:35 a.m. on February 11, 2004.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Gardner moved to approve the November 12 - 14, 2003 minutes, the January 9, 2004, and January 14, 2004 conference call minutes. Seconded by Todd. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**Seed Lab Update**

Gil Waibel, the State Seed Analyst presented some recommendations to the current price list and explained the need to make the changes/additions/deletions. (See attached recommendations). **Ellis moved to approve the recommendations as presented to the board. Seconded by Otto. All voted in favor. Motion carried.** It was also noted that if there are any changes, Gil will contact Spencer, it will come before the board for review. **Jones moved to annually review the seed pricing list following the annual meeting of the Seed Lab Advisory Board. Seconded by Otto. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**Russell Zimmer**

Russ introduced his wife, Ila and the Board introduced themselves. He gave some history of the seed lab as he remembers it and indicated it has worked well all these years. He handed out a packet of correspondence and copies of the statutes. He wanted to make sure the Board understood their role in the operation of the seed lab. The Board indicated they fully understood their obligations per statute and thanked Russ for taking time to ensure everything was being done properly.

**Conservation District Competitive Grant Funding**

Bobbie Frank review the criteria for the grants. She noted the time spent by the WACD Board in ranking these has become quite lengthy and they are revisiting the process to see if it can't be streamlined for the next biennium. **Lally moved to approved the recommendations by the Wyoming Association of Conservation District Board. Seconded by Jones. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

#### **2004 Declared List of Weeds and Pests**

Roy gave some background of the development of the proposed list. Jim Schwartz explained that some county predatory animal boards would like to use weed and pest district money to control predators. He feels we need to have this issue addressed in the future. **Ellis moved to approve the 2004 Declared List as presented to the board. Seconded by Gardner. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

#### **Wyoming Bankers Association**

The board welcomed Doug Wagner and Woody Shore from the Bankers Association. Some board members had heard some disturbing things regarding financing and wanted to clarify. After hearing that board members had heard if they hadn't secured financing prior to the BSE outbreak, it would be difficult to obtain, Doug and Woody assured the board by saying their association has not heard anything to that affect. They continued by explaining an FSA loan and some methods of calculations they use in determining a borrowers' ability to repay a loan. They also noted the Annual Ag Lenders Meeting will be in Buffalo on May 13 and 14.

#### **Carbon Sequestration**

It was announced there was a Carbon Sequestration Conference planned for the third week in June to help educate producers.

#### **Conservation District Appointments**

**Todd moved that the appointment of Robert Clausen to fill the position vacated by Dawna Rookstool to the Converse County Conservation District be approved. Seconded by Otto. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Gardner moved that the appointment of Bill Despain to fill the position vacated by Gene Hoffman to the Teton County Conservation District be approved. Seconded by Ellis. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

#### **Livestock Board Update**

Lee Romsa said we are still waiting for the change of class status after the second case of Brucellosis was detected. He said 11 herds are still quarantined for testing. Lee said infection is most likely to be transmitted either right before or right after calving and that the testing will probably be done right after calving to reduce stress to the herd. The emergency rules which he had previously discussed with the board just went into effect. Permanent rules are going out for the 45-day comment period and he's certain they will follow Class A Status. He also announce the GYBIC will be meeting in Pinedale sometime in May.

#### **Dry Milk Program Update**

Matt Hoobler said 1,192 people received milk last year. Wyoming, as did other states, went over our allocation and are waiting for USDA's approval. Wyoming has requested an additional 200 million pounds for this years distribution. He recognized we had some minor problems last year, but overall it was a very successful program. Arlene Brown said the hay producers feel the program has hurt their sales in the past year.

### **Game and Fish Commission Update**

Kerry Powers wanted to talk with the board on three topics. The first was the Wyoming Wolf Management Plan. Fish and Wildlife Services wants to classify the wolf as trophy game before the delisting. He met with Mr. Williams with the Fish and Wildlife Service and it sounds as if there is not going to any compromise on their part to accept Wyoming's plan. The second subject was the Grizzly Bear. Mr. Williams is the signatory on delisting the bear and he indicated to Kerry he will have it in the federal register to delist by the end of the year. The last subject was the Black Tailed Prairie Dog. Mr. Goldberry of South Dakota is reviewing the petition and it sounds like the Fish and Wildlife Service will get the response out regarding the petition to not list because it's not warranted.

### **Youth Leadership Advisory Committee**

The board clarified the age requirement. WDA had several applicants wanting to know if they would be disqualified if they turned 30 during their term. The board decided the age would be determined at the time of application. They also decided to recommend two applicant to the Governor for his appointment, which they did. When the Governor announces his four selections, the board would like to send letters to all the applicants.

**Gardner moved to have the next meeting in Riverton on April 12 and 13, 2004 beginning at 1:00 p.m. on the 12th. Seconded by Ellis. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Arlene Brown, President

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Date

Attachments:

Seed Lab pricing revisions

2004 Declared List of Weeds and Pests

Conservation District Appointments (2)

Attendance Sheet